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named, provisionally, but the author says that he suspects it may ultimately be found worthy of varietal rank. *Q. Jacobi* is figured on the same plate with *Q. Garryana*, Dougl., with which it has been frequently confounded, and *Q. Macdonaldi*, var *elegantula*, is figured and described as a probable hybrid between *Q. Engelmanni* and *Q. dumosa*. Changes from generally accepted names are few. *Q. Dunnii*, Kellogg, (1879) becomes *Q. Palmeri*, Engelm. (1876). The use of trinomials by the author we note again with regret, not only because they are frequently misleading in regard to the authority for the specific name, but also because it seems a needless innovation. As an example we may quote *Quercus Macdonaldi elegantula*, Greene, which is strictly correct, so far as the authority is concerned, as Prof. Greene is the author of both specific and varietal name, but when he writes *Quercus dumosa polycarpa*, Greene, it is misleading, for the reason that the name of Nuttall, the author of the species, does not appear.

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Proceedings of the Club.

The regular meeting was held at Columbia College, Wednesday evening, Sept. 24th, the President in the chair and eighteen persons present.

Reports of several of the field excursions during the summer were received.

Mrs. Britton remarked on *Sabbatia stellaris*, forma *albiflora*, collected in abundance at South Beach, Staten Island, and on her discovery of spurs on the two outer sepals of *Impatiens biflora* at New Dorp. She also stated that *Habenaria ciliaris* was exceedingly abundant in flower at Linden Park, whereas last year only two or three plants were found in bloom. The President suggested that this species might be uniformly biennially flowering. Mr. Ogden reported it in full flower at Tenaflly, N. J., this season, and the Secretary stated that flowers were abundant at that station in 1888.

Dr. Newberry remarked on his recent trip to the Adirondack region.

Mrs. Northrop gave a preliminary account of the vegetation of the Bahama Islands.